shoujo magic
Do you believe in Magic?
In a young girl's heart...

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ANSWER ME, YURIAS!
WHICH TITLE DO YOU THINK I BELONG TO?
......
THERE WERE THREE TIMES WHEN PAROS HAD REACHED ITS PEAK OF GLORY...
AND THE COUNTRY WAS LED BY TWINS IN ALL THREE CASES, A SISTER AND A BROTHER AS LEADERS OF PAROS.
I KNOW THAT!

Which is why Paros is still called the "Country of Twins".
And our palace was also named after the history of Twins.
THE LEGEND ITSELF IS WELL-KNOWN AND WELL-BELIEVED.
THE GOD OF OUR RELIGION, YANUS, IS ALSO A GOD WITH TWO FACES...
...so you wanna say that I'm neither a man nor a woman.

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THAT'S NOT IT! MAYBE PAROS CAN REACH THE TOP AGAIN BECAUSE OF YOUR DOUBLE PERSONALITY.
... OR MAYBE NOT.
IT'S JUST THAT... FOR THOSE WHO KNOW ABOUT THE OLD LEGEND,
THEY ARE ALL JUDGING YOU FROM AFAR TO FIND OUT WHETHER YOU'RE THE AMBASSADOR FROM HEAVEN OR THE DEVIL THAT'D RUIN THE COUNTRY.
ERMINIA, DO YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE SWORD OF PAROS AS OF NOW?

......
... FINE.
IT'S SOMETHING I'LL HAVE TO DO ANYWAYS AT THE CROWN CEREMONY.
WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'D BE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE.

Rumors say that in the beginning, a pair of twins was supposed to be born.
Yet you came out of your mother's womb as one due to some strange reasons.
Which is why you have the heart of a man and the body of a woman.
You're either the one who will bring eternal glory to Paros,
Or you might be the one who'll lead Paros to its end...

So there was a legend like that...?
I didn't know...

I'LL BE IN THE PALACE OBEDIENTLY FOR A GOOD WHILE.
... I SEE, YOU CAN STOP WORRYING FOR ME.
ERMINIA?
YOU... HAVE CHANGED DRASTICALLY IN RECENT DAYS.
AND YOU'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE STUBBORN ABOUT YOURSELF, TOO.
THAT REALLY WORRIES ME!
Your words are strongly screened in my mind...
Man from the East
...

FIONA! YOU'RE DAZING OFF AGAIN!
HURRY AND CLEAN UP!
THROW THIS AWAY NOW! DON'T YOU SLACK OFF AGAIN!
slap
WHAT A CLUMSY GIRL!

I KNOW, AND IT WAS SUCH A PRETTY DRESS
HANS SAID THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN A PRINCESS FROM SOME FAR-OFF PLACE.
AND SHE MUST BE A REALLY HIGH-CLASS PRINCESS TOO!
OR PEOPLE WOULD AT LEAST KNOW WHO SHE WAS
AND I HEARD THAT SHE WAS WITH A HANDSOME KNIGHT TOO!
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A WOMAN LIKE US,
I GUESS WE CAN'T HELP BEING DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER...
HEY FIONA, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ROSE PRINCESS, WHO GOT THE TOP PRIZE AT THE CARNAVAL?
EH...? NO.

SEEMS LIKE NOBODY KNEW WHO SHE WAS.
SHE WORE A GORGEOUS DRESS,
WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL AND CUTE.
WITH A REALLY HANDSOME KNIGHT BESIDE HER...
SHE WAS CHOSEN AS THE WINNER IN NO TIME, YET NOBODY CLAIMED THE PRIZE AT THE END
WE HEARD THAT SHE WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE.
WHAT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU TWO! DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE CURSING THE GOD SOMETIMES?

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UMM...
EH.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D UNDERSTAND WHAT A NICE DRESS IS.
YEP YEP, SHE'S NEVER EVEN LIVED ABOVE THE POVERTY LINE.
I KNOW, SHE JUST WON'T UNDERSTAND IT
NAH-H, SHE DOESN'T GET ANYTHING.
LOOK AT HER CRAPPY ATTIRE!
SEE, SHE'S RUNNING AWAY!
Ha ha ha ha ha

FIONA, GO TO THE RIVER AND FETCH SOME WATER FOR THE DISHES.
Y-YES...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO HURRY UP ALREADY!?
Everything was just a dream...
That night.. that time...
Just a dream...
And only this dress...

The fragrance thaT remains within my hands...
Erminia-sama...

GIRL...
ARE YOU THE KITCHEN MAID, FIONA?
YES...
UM. .YOU ARE..
SO IT IS YOU.
COME WITH US FOR A MOMENT.
DRAG
KYA!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SOME-BODY!

POSS

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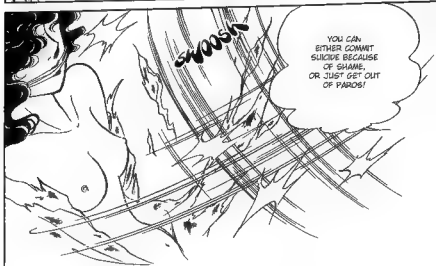
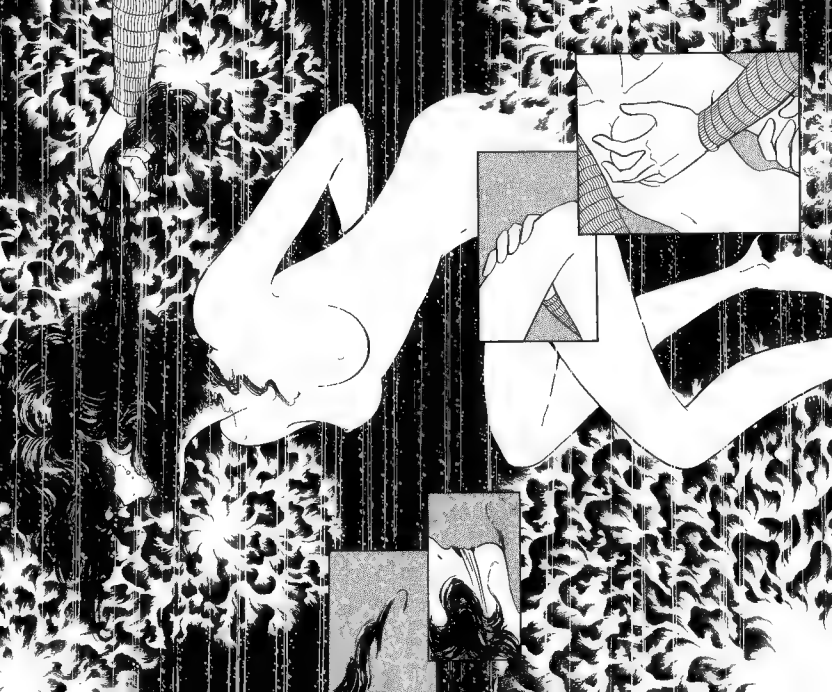
SHE IS STILL A LITTLE GIRL.
TOO BAD, YOUR EXISTENCE IS TROUBLESOME TO US.
... BUT IF WE JUST KILL YOU HERE, MAYBE THAT PERSON WILL BE PLACED UNDER DISADVANTAGE IN THE END
WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAN NEVER AGAIN SHOW YOUR BODY IN FRONT OF THAT PERSON!

Slash
WE WON'T TAKE YOUR LIFE.
SWOOSH
YOU CAN EITHER COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF SHAME, OR JUST GET OUT OF PAROS!

AW ...
OHH ...
HEH HEH .
Swirl
MMM

I HEARD THAT FIONA DISAPPEARED.
DID SHE RUN AWAY?
THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ONE SINGLE KITCHEN MAID WON'T BOTHER ANYBODY.
Fiona
...
Fiona
...
Fiona
...

SHE'S JUST A LOW-CLASS WOMAN WITH NO RELATIVES!
IT'S EASY TO REPLACE HER WITH ANYBODY
WHAT'S ERMINIA DOING?
OH, RIGHT!

TO OUR OWN SURPRISE, SHE'S BEHAVING QUITE WELL RECENTLY
SHE JUST LOOKS OUT OF THE WINDOW QUIETLY SOMETIMES
... Strange... that meaningful sentence Erminia said last time...
I thought she was at least going to do something, but...
The time of choosing a groom is near.
What are you thinking of, Erminia ...?

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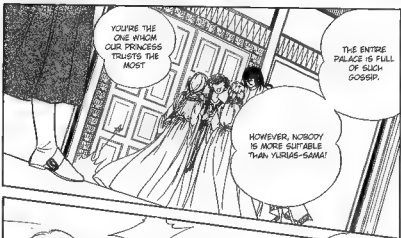
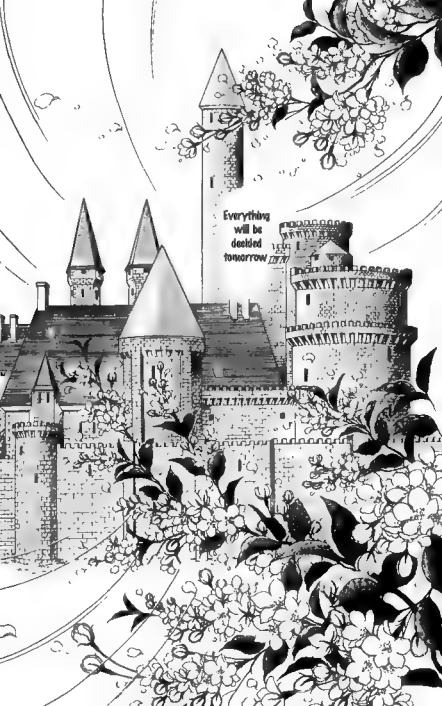
THEREFORE... WE...
HUH?
WE'LL DEFINITELY SUPPORT YURIAS-SAMA!
WE'RE SURE THAT THE ONE ERMINIA-SAMA CHOOSES WOULD BE..
Right?
THE ENTRE PALACE IS FULL OF SUCH GOSSIP.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHOM OUR PRINCESS TRUSTS THE MOST
HOWEVER, NOBODY IS MORE SUITABLE THAN YURIAS-SAMA!
WHAT ARE YOU MAIDS MAKING SUCH A FUSS ABOUT!?
KYA!

YOUNG BARON YURIAS, YOU KNOW THAT A MARRIAGE BETWEEN ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HELP THE COUNTRY MORE.
NOBODY CAN SUIT ERMINIA BETTER THAN PRINCE OF CAULES!
BARON ALPHONES...
ERMINIA IS THE ONE WHO WILL MAKE THE CHOICE. EVEN IF YOU SAY SUCH THINGS TO ME. .

HEY, I JUST SAW A LONG QUEUE OF PEOPLE GOING INTO THE PALACE.
IS IT ABOUT TIME FOR OUR PRINCESS TO CHOOSE A GROOM?
EVEN THE GUARDS WERE TALKING ABOUT WHO'D BE CHOSEN
I WONDER WHAT TYPE OF DRESS WILL BE MADE FOR PRINCESS ERMINIA.
WITH HER BEAUTY AND APLOMB, IF SHE WEARS A PROPER DRESS.
THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN IF WE CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE PRINCESS, THERE WILL BE LOTS OF WONDERFUL GENTLEMEN GATHERING.
WE MUST ORDER NEW DRESSES AS WELL.

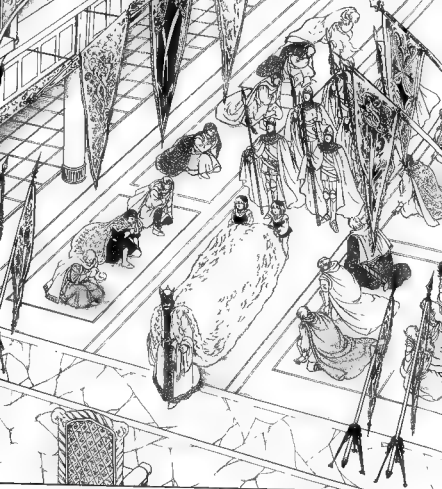
THOSE HIGH-CLASS LADIES AND MISTRESSES ARE SIMPLY ANNOYING
YET IT SURE IS INTERESTING TO SEE WHO WILL SHE, THE PRINCESS WHO DECLARES THAT SHE'S NOT A WOMAN, CHOOSE IN THE END.
PLEASE WORK HARD, EVERYONE.
THERE'D ONLY BE ONE CHOSEN BY THE PRINCESS AMONG ALL.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF NOMINEES TO CHOOSE FROM.
OUR PRINCESS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEHAVE MORE WOMANLY AFTER HER MARRIAGE.
RIGHT, RIGHT. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VIRGIN'S STUBBORNNESS THAT'S DRIVEN HER TIL NOW
Until the day comes...
So Princess is
And so it must be

YURIAS-SAMA! AT SUCH A PLACE. .
IT'S THE KITCHEN AHEAD . .
AH... NO, I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING AND...
Aha~so even Yurias-sama is anxious~
SO THE DAY FOR THE PRINCESS TO SELECT A GROOM IS TOMORROW
I'M DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE MATTER AS WELL.
I was going to see how Fiona's doing but maybe it doesn't have to be today.
Yurias-sama will definitely

Fiona
...
Though we haven't seen each other ever since,
As long as tomorrow passes safely,
Erminia-sama
...

If God and humans would allow me, I'd reborn as a man and make you mine.
Don't forget Fiona, the oath made by this Erminia...

Everything will be decided tomorrow

ENTRANCE OF THE KING!!

Magic

ENTRANCE OF BARON ALPHONES!
ERMINIA-SAMA IS NEXT I WONDER HOW SHE WILL LOOK AT THE CEREMONY TODAY
I'M SO EXCITED!
Murmer
Murmer
sile — nce

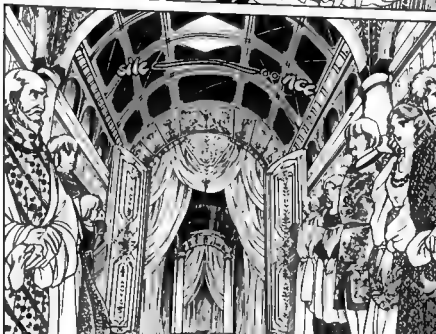
Erminia!?

SHE'LL BE HERE SOON.

Y-YURIAS, DO YOU KNOW?

WHAT'S ERMINIA DOING!?

STAND

What is she doing?

DON'T TELL ME SHE HAS RUN AWAY FROM CHOOSING A GROOM.
stomp
... there is a possib- ility.
......
IT'S A BUSY MORNING FOR ME, THOUGH!
HEY MAIDS, GO AND TELL ERMINIA TO HURRY UP.
GO NOW!!
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY, FATHER.

ERMINIA!

I'M LATE PLEASE EXCUSE ME
SINCE IT'S AN IMPORTANT OCCASION, IT TOOK A BIT LONGER TO GET READY THAN USUAL
IS THAT WHAT YOU WEAR WHEN YOU'RE CHOOSING A GROOM?
DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME THAT YOU'RE HERE TO CHOOSE A BRIDE!

BOTH THE COUNTRY OF PAROS AND I ARE TIRED WITH YOUR FOOLISH ACTS!
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DECISION WHOM TO TAKE YET!?
YES.
Chatter

I SEE. FINALLY...
phew
IF YOU UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING, IT'S ALL RIGHT
SO ERMINIA, PRINCESS OF PAROS, WHO IS THE LUCKY GROOM OF CHOICE?
smile
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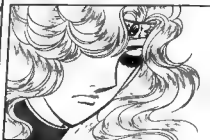
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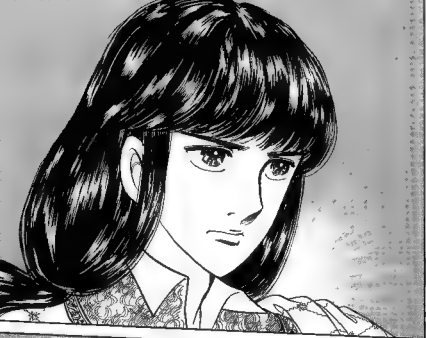
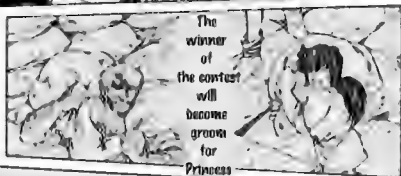
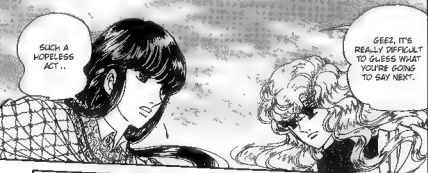
DON'T PLAY WITH ME. IS IT YURIAS?
NO.
Chatter
Murmer
Murmer
......
ERMINIA! DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'RE AS FOOLISH AS TO CHOOSE A MAN WITH NO TITLE AND WEALTH!
IS IT PRINCE ELMS?
NO IT'S NOT
THEN BARON CALVIA?
NO.

I WILL NOT DO SUCH A THING.
I, PRINCESS ERMINIA'S GROOM OF CHOICE WOULD BE...
.. SOMEONE WHO'S STRONGER AND BETTER THAN ME,
IN HIS SWORD, HORSE RIDES, AND HEART.
THOSE WHO DON'T MEET MY CONDITIONS,
SHALL NOT BE DEALT WITH BY ME.
WELL, THAT'S.. REASONABLE, BUT..
SO WHO IS IT, YOU SAY?

STAND
ERMINIA HAS MADE UP HER MIND TO GIVE UP ALL HER DREAMS AND OBEY HER FATHER'S ORDERS.
THEREFORE, I'M PUTING MY LIFE INTO THIS ONE FAVOR I'D LIKE TO ASK
I'D LIKE TO HOLD A MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST FOR ALL THOSE WHO SEEK TO BE MY GROOM!
AND THAT MUST BE DONE WITHIN A FEW DAYS!

NO MATTER WHO IT MIGHT BE, THE BRAVE ONE WHO IS ABLE TO SURPASS THIS ERMINIA, I WILL OBEDIENTLY RETURN TO MY WOMANLY SELF,
AND HAPPILY BECOME HIS WIFE.

I will happily
marry the brave
one who surpasses
me in skills.

A MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST?
YES, A MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST
THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

The winner of the contest will become groom for Princess Erminia

As well as the next King of Paros ...

SUCH A HOPELESS ACT ..
GEEZ, IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO GUESS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY NEXT.
HUNDREDS.. NO, THOUSANDS OF NOMINEES FOR THE NEXT KING OF PAROS.
. TEN DAYS LATER, AT THE DAY OF YANUS, THIS DOME WILL BE FILLED WITH PEOPLE OF PAROS...
.. YOU MUST WIN, YURIAS.
HOW MANY MORE RIVALS DO YOU INTEND TO PREPARE FOR ME?
YES. AND NOMINEES FOR YOUR GROOM AS WELL.
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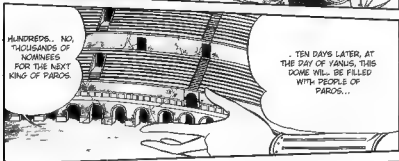
AND YOU WILL FIGHT ME IN THE END
ERMINIA ...?
I'VE NEVER LOST TO YOU BEFORE.
AND I'M GOING TO WIN THIS TIME, TOO.
.. YOU WANT TO STAY SINGLE FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE?
I CANNOT GRANT THAT WISH OF YOURS ANY LONGER.

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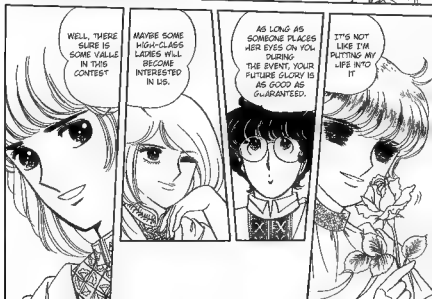
I WILL NOT GIVE YOU TO ANY OTHER MAN.
AND I WILL NOT LOSE TO YOU AGAIN.

WOULD BARON CALVIA PARTICIPATE AS WELL?
A CALM MAN LIKE YOU MIGHT BE BEST FOR THAT TOMBOYISH COUSIN OF MINE...
IT CANNOT BE HELPED THAT YOU'VE HURT YOUR FOOT, PRINCE ELMS.
SO I'M ALREADY OFF-LISTED FROM THOSE WHO'D COMPETE FOR THE POSITION OF GROOM.
I WILL WATCH THE COMPETITION FROM AFAR WITH YOU, PRINCE.
NO... I NO LONGER HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY MARTIAL SKILLS.

COUSINS OF OUR PRINCESS, PRINCE ELMS AND BARON CALVIA SEEM TO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONTEST.
whisper
SHH, YOUNG BARON REMLUS IS HERE!
OF COURSE I'LL PARTICIPATE, FATHER. HOWEVER...
I CANNOT STAND THAT FACT THAT MANY LOW COMERS ARE GOING TO BE PARTICIPATING
IT'S RUMORED THAT MANY WANDERERS, WHO KNOW NOTHING BUT HOW TO FIGHT, WILL ALSO BE ALLOWED TO JOIN US.
IT'S NO JOKE THAT WE'LL HAVE TO EXCHANGE SWORDS WITH THOSE!
WELL, WELL REMLUS, CALM DOWN.
THERE'S NO SUCH COMPLAINTS HEARD FROM YOUNG BARON YURIAS, YOU KNOW.
I WONDER WHAT WOULD YOUNG BARON REMLUS DO NOW.

IT'S BECAUSE HE'S REALLY SLOW!
HE HAS NO PRIDE OF BEING A PART OF THE ROYAL FAMILY!
AHEM, WATCH WHAT YOU SAY, REMLUS!
.. DID YOU HEAR THAT?
EVEN IDIOTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT AS LONG AS THEY HAVE THE STRENGTH!
AH MY, WHAT IF SUCH A PERSON BECOMES THE FUTURE KING ..
shudder
WE MUST HAVE YURIAS-SAMA WIN THIS MATCH!
I WILL MAKE A SPECIAL MENU FOR YURIAS-SAMA!
YURIAS-SAMA DEFINITELY SUITS OUR PRINCESS THE MOST.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
YOU'RE BETTING ON YOUNG BARON YURIAS?
I'LL BET A HUNDRED RAN ON YOUNG BARON REMLUS.

WHILE GIRLS WHO'VE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO THE PRINCESS ARE COMPLAINING LIKE NUTS.
SHEESH, MEN WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST ARE HOOKED UP ON THEIR BETS,
I'M BETTING FIFTY RAN ON CAPTAIN LEES!
TWO HUNDRED RAN ON YOUNG BARON YURIAS!
IF HER HIGHNESS MUST BECOME SOMEONE ELSE'S... I'D RATHER CHOKE MYSELF AND DIE.
AH MY, I TOTALLY AGREE!
ME TOO--

HMM THAT TOMBOY OF A PRINCESS IS THAT STRONG?
WELL, SHE CALLS HERSELF THE BEST SWORDSMAN IN PAROS.
.. YET ALL FOUR OF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING?
OF COURSE!
RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M PUTTING MY LIFE INTO IT
AS LONG AS SOMEONE PLACES HER EYES ON YOU DURING THE EVENT, YOUR FUTURE GLORY IS AS GOOD AS GUARANTEED.
MAYBE SOME HIGH-CLASS LADIES WILL BECOME INTERESTED IN US.
WELL, THERE SURE IS SOME VALUE IN THIS CONTEST

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THOUGH I DON'T THINK YOU'LL WIN. I'LL MAKE A CHEER FLAG FOR YOU!
ME TOO, I'LL SUPPORT YOU ALL FROM THE SHADOW.
LET'S DO OUR BEST!
OW!
Swish
EH-- ALL OF YOU PLUMBERS ARE PARTICIPATING TOO!?
OF COURSE! THERE'S NO OTHER CHANCE THAN THIS
I WANNA BE THE KING OF PARO. ♡
Me too! ♡

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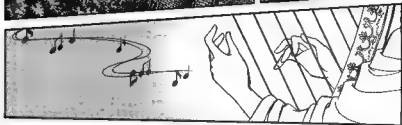
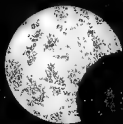
KING OF PARO WILL BE ME.
BECAUSE I KNOW A SPELL THAT REALLY WORKS WELL.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN THE CONTEST!
YOU'RE *MY* BOYFRIEND!
DON'T BE MAD-- I WON'T GO--
I gotcha now!
HEY .WHY ARE YOU WEARING ARMOR?
OF COURSE, FOR THE MARTIAL ART EVENT.
BUT YOU'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN MEN. .
THAT PRINCESS WOULD BE A GREAT MATCH FOR ME.
IF IT'S A WOMAN WHO LOOKS NOTHING BUT MANLY, I DON'T MIND MARRYING HER.

The country of Paro was filled with gossips and excitements.
And so as the main event approaches –
COMMONERS ARE ALSO ALLOWED TO WATCH THIS EVENT AT YANUS SHRINE.
THE CONTEST WILL HOLD FOR THREE DAYS, IN THE FORMAT OF ELIMINATION ROUNDS. THE WINNER WILL BE...
I HEARD THAT ALL FIVE SONS FROM MINNA FAMILY HAD APPLIED.
FOOD AND DRINKS WILL SELL REALLY WELL DURING THE CONTEST
GUESS WE CAN EARN SOME GOOD BUCKS THIS TIME.
The number of applications itself had already exceeded thousands ...

. I HEARD THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE ELIMINATED QUICKLY IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND.
IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT APPLYING, RIGHT?
THOSE WHO WERE TOO WEAK OR HAD A REALLY LOW SOCIAL STATUS... ANYONE WHO DOESN'T APPEAR AS A SUITABLE CONTESTANT WERE ALL OFF THE LIST, IT SEEMS.
EVEN PRINCESS' NONSENSE CAN BE REALLY ENTERTAINING TO US AT TIMES, HUH?
. YET THERE ARE STILL SOMEWHAT TWO HUNDRED CONTESTANTS LEFT. THIS IS GOING TO BE A REALLY INTERESTING MATCH.
YURIAS IS HAVING EXTRA TRAINING SESSIONS AT HIS COTTAGE.

... I SEE, SO HE'S WORKING HARD..
TOMORROW IS THE OPENING CEREMONY.
SEEMS LIKE ERMINIA HAS BEEN IN HER ROOM ALL THIS TIME...
DO YOU KNOW OF THE SWORD OF PAROS, BARON DALE?
YES... AND IT'S A COMMONLY KNOWN FACT AMONG THE CITIZENS AS WELL.
IF ERMINIA IS NEITHER A MAN NOR A WOMAN, THIS COUNTRY WILL EVENTUALLY GO DOWN.
I PRAY THAT,
WELL, ERMINIA'S FATE AND FUTURE AS A WOMAN WILL SOON BE DECIDED. THIS CANNOT BE HELPED.
ERMINIA WILL PROTECT THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH THE MAN WHO WAS CHOSEN AS THE WINNER AT THIS CONTEST.

The opening ceremony of the martial arts contest is tomorrow...
Oh Moon!

Please protect me...

I was born at a night with your blue-white light shining upon me.

Under your blue light, I'm now your beloved child...

Please look after me with your kindness and quietness...

And pray for me to become the final winner at the final match...

Then I will be able to meet Fiona...
Let her stand beside me as I declare to the entire country of Paros,
that I will welcome her as my rightful wife and succeed the throne of Paros...
I will declare that I'm a man as I cut this hair of mine in front of everyone and use it as a gift for God.

IF MY LOVE IS REAL. IF YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL...
I will do as I prayed, throw away my womanly self and become the rightful King of Parus with Flora's assistance.

The anxiety that resides within my heart!!
SWORD .. I WILL BECOME THE WINNER.
WILL EVERYTHING GO ACCORDING TO MY WISH!?
Squeeze
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE... THAT I CAN REALLY BECOME THE KING OF PAROS!
If any unknown lowlife had won against me in the end...
This country will ...

Is what I'm doing a mistake!?
Am I really the cursed child of evil who'll bring an end to this country?
Or am I the angel who will bring this country to a glorious new era?

YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE!
PLEASE PROTECT ME,
FROM ALL MEN'S LOVE, GREED,
AND EVIL INTENTIONS .
Snap

WHO'S THERE!
COME OUT NOW OR YOU SHALL BE SLAYED!
WAIT!
Shake
HOLD ON, ERMINIA.
MY LORD, HOW DANGEROUS. . CAN'T THINK YOU'RE A WOMAN AT ALL.
AH MY

EVEN IF YOU DON'T THINK OF ME AS A WOMAN, HOW DARE YOU SNEAK INTO THE PALACE OF PRINCESS AT MIDNIGHT!
HOW RARE, UNCLE ALPHONES.
WHAT WIND HAS BROUGHT YOU HERE THEN?
Hmph
Click
I'M NOT HERE TO HARM YOU IN ANY WAY.
W-WELL, PUT DOWN THAT SWORD.
I WANT TO HEAR THE TRUTH. ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT SELECTING THE STRONGEST MAN AS YOUR GROOM? I DON'T THINK SO.
IT'S ABOUT THE CONTEST THAT'LL START TOMORROW ...

ISN'T YOUR MOTIVES TO WIN BY YOURSELF, THUS ERASING THIS TALK ABOUT GROOMS?
I under-stand e-verything
HOW RUDE OF YOU TO CALL IT AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE.
I DON'T HAVE A HEART THAT'S AS TAINTED AS YOURS, UNCLE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S PROVOKING OTHERS!
I DIDN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING YET!
Hmmph
W-WELL
Cough
I DIDN'T COME TO ARGUE WITH YOU. I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
......

I WANT YOU TO WIN THIS CONTEST. OR SHOULD I SAY, IF YOU DON'T WIN I'LL BE IN TROUBLE.
LET'S WORK TOGETHER, ERMINIA!
...
EVEN IF IT'S YOU, I CANNOT BE COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT YOU'LL WIN.
PAROS IS BIG, THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY TALENTED SWORDSMEN GATHERING THIS TIME.
......
I know all this even if you don't tell me!
TO GET MARRIED NO MATTER WHAT, CORRECT? THEN WORK WITH ME.
I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MAKE YOU THE WINNER, NO MATTER WHAT METHOD I'D HAVE TO USE IN THE END.

. AND WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO TO UNCLE?
EVEN IF I STAY SINGLE, I WILL NEVER MARRY PRINCE OF CAULES.
I'M ONLY AGAINST YOU MARRYING A MAN FROM PAROS, THAT'S WHY I'M HELPING YOU.
AFTER THE CONTEST, WE'LL BE ENEMIES ONCE AGAIN LIKE BEFORE.
YOU TRAITOR!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF WORKING WITH YOU!
IF YOU STAY HERE FOR ONE MORE MINUTE, I'LL CALL OUT! GO BACK TO SLEEP AND THROW AWAY YOUR MEANINGLESS PLANS!
I WILL WITHDRAW FOR NOW. HOWEVER, I'M NOT GIVING UP MY OFFER UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF CONTEST, ERMINIA.
THINK OF ME AS A USEFUL TOOL, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW

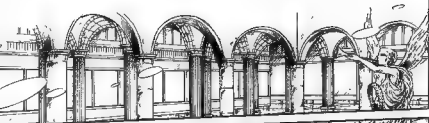
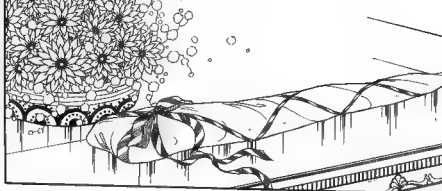
Such a dirty man even if he's my uncle!
What can happen anyway even if I borrow his help?
What can!
Pa pa pa pa pa

ARE THE DOCTORS READY?
YES.
THE HORSES ARE READY TOO, GOOD.
THE CITIZENS HAVE BEEN LINING UP EVER SINCE LAST NIGHT
OPEN THE WAY AFTER YOU FINISH COUNTING THE PARTICIPANTS.
HALF AMONG THE TWO HUNDRED CONTESTANTS SHALL BE ELIMINATED TODAY
MAKE SURE THAT ALL ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE SEATED WELL BEFORE WE WELCOME THE KING.

YOU MUST NOT HAVE YOUR HEAD GEAR REMOVED AT ALL TIMES.
EVERYONE WILL BE CALLED BASED ON THEIR DRAW NUMBERS FROM THIS POINT ON.
PLEASE DO NOT LOSE YOUR DRAW NUMBER AT ALL COSTS.
YOUNG BARON YURIAS AND YOUNG BARN REMUS ARE AMONG THEM TOO, RIGHT?
SO NOBODY'S TRUE IDENTIFY IS REVEALED UNTIL THE LAST MATCH.
IT'S HARD TO TELL A ROYAL FAMILY MEMBER FROM YOUR OWN SON.

CHEER
CHEER
THE CONTESTANTS ARE ENTERING. HOW BORING, WE CAN'T EVEN SEE THEIR FACES.
OH, STRENGTH IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN TELL FROM ONE'S LOOK
BUT .. I WON'T ACCEPT IT IF THE FUTURE KING OF PARO IS A MONSTER-LIKE MAN.
THERE'S NO WAY ERMINIA-SAMA WILL LOSE IN THE END
I SOMEHOW HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS CONTEST, THOUGH...
THAT'S WHY YURIAS-SAMA MUST WIN!
SHH, THE KING IS HERE.
PRINCESS IS HERE ALSO.

FALLS
Is that what a woman does !? Erminia, you'll no longer be able to behave that way once your groom is chosen!

THIS CONTEST IS HELD IN ORDER TO SELECT A GROOM FOR PRINCESS ERMINIA.
NO MATTER WHO IT MIGHT BE, THE ROYAL PALACE WILL WELCOME THE FINAL WINNER AS ONE OF US AND THE FIANCE OF PRINCESS.
HOWEVER, THE WINNER MUST WIN AGAINST ERMINIA AT THE LAST MATCH BEFORE THE PRIZE CAN BE CLAMED.
SINCE OUR PRINCESS OF PAROS DOES NOW ACCEPT A MAN WEAKER THAN HERSELF.
ERMINIA! ERMINIA!
HAIL TO THE ALMIGHTY KING!
HAIL TO THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF PAROS!!

PRINCESS, ARE YOU HEADING BACK ALREADY?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WATCH YURIAS-SAMA'S FIGHT?
YURIAS WILL WIN.
WE'VE PLACED IT IN YOUR ROOM.
IT WAS FROM AN AMBASSADOR DISPATCHED BY YURIAS-SAMA.
A GIFT?
ALL RIGHT! THEN WOULD THAT GIFT BE A PRE-CELEBRATION PRESENT?
Kya Kya

FROM YURIAS TO ME..?
WHAT CAN IT BE...
?
A sword!?
Erminia,
If I give this to you on my own, I doubt you'll even look at it. But if I use Yurias' name, you'll definitely open it. Well? Did I hit bull's eye this time?
IT'S FROM UNCLE!

Poison has been engraved into this sword.
You don't have to use it in the beginning, only when you think you might lose.
A little cut by it can freeze all of your opponent's movements.
Drop your sword and ask for a change of weapon. Nobody will know.
We're only trying to be secure. Take this sword, Erminia. Now you will win for sure.
UNCLE. . SUCH DIRTY TRICKS, ISN'T IT SO LIKE YOU!

Shojo Magic
SWORD LIKE THIS!
What's wrong, Erminia? Hurry and throw that away!
Erminia! No matter how manly you look, you're still a woman!
It's not easy to win against a man with a strong build! You want to become some idiot's wife, who has nothing but strength?

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I must win at all costs.
Flona..! For you,
I must win for your sake!

Fiona forgive me, and look down on me!
Laugh at me... I just want you..! I just...
Uncle you can laugh at me too! Now I'm a part of the dirty allies!

..THE
ONE WHO
JUST WON
IS YURIAS.
HO...
YOU CAN
TEL?
OF COURSE.
I KNOW HIS
HABITS WELL.
Yurias ! Keep
it up! So I
won't have to
use that
sword !
I know
you can
do it for
sure!
I know
I won't
have to
use that
sword!

TOMORROW IS THE FINAL MATCH
THE NAMES OF THE TWENTY-FIVE
YOUNG BARON
EVERYONE IN TOWN IS
THE DOME
THE CAPTAIN IS AMONG THEM,

... IT'S ALMOST DAWN.
RIGHT... THE DAY KING OF PARO WILL BE BORN.
I WISH I WAS IN THE DOME MYSELF WATCHING THE CONTEST INSTEAD OF HAVING TO GUARD THE WEST BOARDER OF THE COUNTRY.
DON'T YOU THINK SO TO...?
DONG
IT'S THE ENEMY!

SLASH
NOW THE TOWN OF PARO HAS TO BE EMPTY.
Heh heh heh
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